



Travel more intelligently with  
World Factbook Travel Facts



WORLD  
FACTBOOK

## France

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to France due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in France due to terrorism and civil unrest. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 3 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[33] (1) 43-12-22-22; US Embassy in Paris, 2 Avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris, France

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

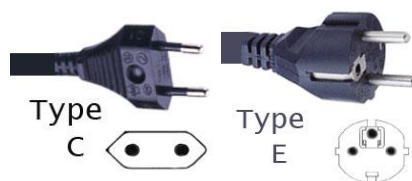
Generally cool winters and mild summers, but mild winters and hot summers along the Mediterranean; occasionally strong, cold, dry north-to-northwesterly wind known as the mistral

### Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, E



### Major Languages

French 100%

### Religions

Christian (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic) 63-66%, Muslim 7-9%, Buddhist 0.5-0.75%, Jewish 0.5-0.75%, other 0.5-1.0%, none 23-28%

### Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); Daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

### Potable Water

Yes

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right

<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Eiffel Tower; Louvre Museum; Notre-Dame de Paris; Palace of Versailles; Côte d'Azur; Mont Saint-Michel; Loire Valley Châteaux; Provence; Normandy; Brittany; Carcassonne; Avignon; Alsace (includes Colmar and Strasbourg); Notre-Dame de Chartres; Caves of Vézère Valley; Grotte Chauvet, Ardèche River and Pont d'Arc
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Hugging is a much less common form of greeting in France than in other countries, and may be received uncomfortably.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tips are not necessary, but appreciated and you may always round up for good service. In nicer restaurants, a tip of 5% is sufficient. Tip taxi drivers 10% of a total fare. Bellhops, room service, and housekeeping appreciate a tip between 1-3 euros.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	33
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance: 112, 15; Fire: 112, 18; Police: 112, 17

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

Tuesday, April 27, 2021